

# **Board Bulletin**

October 24, 2014

## Ebola Virus - Local Planning Efforts

The County's Health Department, EMS, 911 and Emergency Management staff have been actively engaged in planning meetings, situational updates and protocol assessments related to the Ebola virus.

County staff has also been working closely with the local hospital, law enforcement and first responders to ensure proper patient assessment and patient care protocols are being utilized.

The County's Health Dept. and Emergency Management team participate on weekly conference calls with State officials to stay informed on the latest information.

The County's 911 telecommunicators have also updated their emergency medical dispatch protocols to ensure first responders have sufficient information too properly and safely triage patients.

Lastly the County's Health and Emergency Management Directors will provide a situational update to the Board at the November 3 regular meeting.

# General Fund Balance Analysis

The County's preliminary audit suggests General Fund balance increased by \$418,754 as of June 30, 2014. Keep in mind, this amount is net the \$2 million the County transferred to the Utility enterprise fund to purchase the West Stanly Wastewater Treatment Plant in May 2014.

The County's projected General Fund balance as a percentage of expenditures will be approximately 25%. This percentage is consistent with the average fund balance for counties of similar size in North Carolina.

The projected level of fund balance enhances the County's long-term solvency, reduces interest rates on long-term borrowing and gives the Board the flexibility to evaluate and consider one-time investments in capital improvement projects.

### Group Health & Worker's Comp Fund

Based on preliminary financial audit results, the County's Group Health and Worker's Comp Fund experienced a net increase of \$1.045 million in FY 2013-2014.

Based on an analysis of average monthly group health and worker's compensation claims, the Fund currently has reserves to cover six months of average claims. Best practice suggests a self-insured fund maintain sufficient reserves to cover at least three (3) months of claims. Thus, the Fund is currently fiscally sound and solvent.

Below please find the fund balance history for the Group Health and Worker's Comp Fund over the past seven (7) fiscal years:

Fiscal Year	Fund Balance
FY 2007-2008	\$1,117,465
FY 2008-2009	\$1,418,094
FY 2009-2010	\$1,160,804
FY 2010-2011	\$1,419,788
FY 2011-2012	\$1,143,160
FY 2012-2013	\$1,223,767
FY 2013-2014	\$2,269,512

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**EDC Board Meeting** Tuesday, October 28

7:30 AM

Mgrs. Conference Room

**Regular Board Meeting** Monday, November 3

7:00 PM

**Commons Meeting Room** 

